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Mrs. Robert I. Clark
2032 North 8th Street
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Clark:

We are trying to find some information on the Cornwell family that might give us a link for my family as I am a direct descendant of William and Mary Swann Cornwell.

We are looking for a record of Peter Cornwell and wonder if you have any information on this family or have worked on any lines for others that might give us this information.

There is no Peter Cornwell in the State File of the Registrar. Miss Harris has been trying to help me and has referred you to me. I have a cousin who has been voted into a chapter and we hope to use this line for her. If we can find a Revolutionary Record for Peter Cornwell it will make it possible for several others.

I am enclosing the letter from Miss Harris and Xerox copy for your study.

Any information you might give me will be most appreciated.

Sincerely,
Eva E. Grigsby
Mrs. Floyd H. Grigsby

Bradley –
Cornwall, BH 306, 7, 8
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5263 N. Park Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46220
March 7, 1966

Dear Mrs. Grigsby -

I received your letter of February 26, and the enclosed clippings, which I was so happy to see but which I am returning herewith as the charts already give the information, I believe.

As shown by the enclosed xerox copy from V. 5 of "The Compendium of American Genealogy", there was a Mrs. Carolyn Cornwall Austin Miller who was born in Terre Haute, the daughter of Sarah Hay Cornwall and Alanson Bates Austin, Sarah being a daughter of Burwell H. Cornwall and a grand daughter of William Cornwall and Mary Swann, so — that is where it fits into your chart. The lineage gives Peter Cornwall as the father of William and says he was in the American Revolution. I had come across a little material on Burwell H. Cornwall (or Cornwell) in the Vigo County books where it also said his grandfather was in the American Revolution. One writeup said Burwell was the youngest of eight children.

You can tell from your cards in the Registrar's file in Indiana if anyone has become a DAR member on Peter Cornwall (Cornwell). If not, you may want to write to Mrs. Robert L. Clark, 2032 N. 8th, Terre Haute, the Lineage Research Chairman of Fort Harrison Chapter, to see if she has worked on the Cornwell genealogy. Unfortunately the Cornwell names (Daniel, Elijah, James, William, Sam, Thomas) in the Virginia Revolutionary lists do not include Peter.

Sincerely

Marion Harris

P.S. NSDAR will tell you if Peter has been established as a DAR ancestor.

From "The Compendium of American Genealogy" Edited by Frederick A. Virkus (Pub. by The Institute of American Genealogy, Chicago, 1933) v. 5

Starke); III–Chester Lee (*b* 1884; *m* Alice Remy); IV–Vinnetta Evelyn (1890-1915; *m* Milan J. Farr); V–Ethel Adella (*b* 1892); VI–Gladys Emily (*b* 1898; *m* Lewis E. Hilsa).

[illegible], Chicago Coll. of Medicine and Surgery, 1906; C.P.H., Johns Hopkins Sch. of Hygiene and Public Health, 1924. Physician and health educator; in China, 20 yrs. as med. and health missionary; med. dir. Isabella Fisher Hosp., Tientsin; dir. dept. of child hygiene, Council on Health Edn.; mem. Ind. State Bd. of Health, 1931; received fellowship in research, Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, 1931-1932; dir. Harlan Co. (Ky.) Child Health Demonstration since Aug., 1932. Mem. Pa.-German Soc., I.A.G., A.A.U.W. Methodist. Clubs: Shanghai Am. Women's. Permanent residence: Yakima, Wash. Temporary address: P.O. Box 82, Harlan, Ky.

MILLER, Leslie Andrew, *b* Junction City, Kan., Jan. 29, 1886.

Jacob (Mueller) **Miller** (1697-1772), from Germany in the "Johnson," 1732, settled at Little Tulpehocken Creek, Berks Co., Pa.; *m* Catherine Charlotte– (1699-1777);

Matthias (1743-1805), of Timberville, Va.; pvt. Am. Rev.;

Conrad (1789-1849), of Cave Spring Tp., Roanoke Co., Va.; *m* 1810, Mary Bowman (John[8], pat. Am. Rev.);

Jacob Bowman (1811-72), of Gower, Mo.; *m* 1840 Martha Ann Kelly;

Andrew Early (2 below).

John **Orr** (1786-1867), from Ireland, settled in Ky.; *m* Nancy Childers (1793-1867; Goldsby[8], pat. Am. Rev.);

Alexander (1829-1918), of Plattsburg, Mo.; *m* Martha Wright (1832-83);

Anna Belle (*b* 1862), *m* 1881, Andrew Early **Miller** (*b* 1860), of Laramie, Wyo.; issue: I–Don H. (*b* 1882; *m* 2d, Dorothy Moore); II–Ethel M. (*b* 1884; *m* Will Goodale); III–Leslie Andrew (1 above); IV–Grover A. (*b* 1888); V–Edith Grace (1890-1912); VI–Virginia May (*b* 1897; *m* E. L. Scott).

m Mar. 31, 1909, Margaret May Morgan, *b* Williamsburg, Colo., June 10, 1883; dau. of Edward Morgan, of Sheridan, Wyo.; issue: 1–Katherine Florence, *b* Laramie, Wyo., Jan. 25, 1910; 2–John Selden, *b* Cheyenne, Wyo., Mar. 17, 1914.

Civil merchant. Mem. S.A.R., A.L., Rotary Club. Mason. Residence: 108 W. 27th St., Cheyenne, Wyo.

MILLER, Carolyn Cornwall Austin (Mrs. Phillip), *b* Terre Haute, Ind.

Richard **Austin** (*b* 1598), from Bishopstoke, Hampshire, Eng., 1626; settled at Salem and Boston, Mass.; removed to Rowley, 1639; *m* in Eng., Elizabeth–;

Capt. Anthony (1636-1708), moved to Suffield, Connecticut, 1674; capt. of militia, ca. 1697; town clk., 20 yrs.; *m* 1664, Esther Huggins (*d* 1698; prob. John[6], of Hampton);

Dea. Nathaniel (1678-1760), moved to Mass.; *m* 1705, Abigail Hovey (1682-1764; Thomas[6], *m* Sarah Cook; Daniel[5], *m* Abigail Andrews);

Capt. Nathaniel (1703-77), confirmed as propr. at Sheffield who petitioned for the tps. of Housatonic, Berkshire Co., to be divided and to be called Sheffield and Gt. Barrington; wounded in Battle of Stillwater, Am. Rev.; *m* 1st, 1732, Agnes Adams (*b* 1710; Jacob[7], *m* Mercy Gillette); had 4 sons in Am. Rev.;

Levi (1743-1823), Am. Rev.; *m* 1769, Mary Gates [illegible], of Manchester, Mass.);

James (1779-1827), of Richmond, Mass.; *m* 1802, Lucy (Bennet) Egleston (1775-1852; Robert Bennet[9], *m* Meribah Cook; Jeremiah[8], *m* Lydia [illegible]);

Robert R. (1808-78), of Schenectady, N.Y.; chief of police and fire depts., magistrate, pres. Bd. Ed., 20 yrs., etc.; *m* 1832, Jane Elizabeth Gates (1811-1901);

Gates (2 below).

James **Olmstead** (qv);

Nicholas (bap. 1612-1684), of Boston, Mass., and Hartford Conn.; served in Pequot War; surveyor of highways, 1646; corpl. Hartford Troop of Horse, 1672-73; lt. King Philip's War; *m* 1st, 1640, Sarah Loomis (1617-67; Joseph[10], [illegible]

Samuel (1653-1726), *m* Mary Lord (1649-1736; William[9], of Saybrook, Conn., *m* Abigail–);

Samuel (1676-1747), *m* 1697, Mary Bowley (Moses[8] [1651-1734], *m* Mary Fuller);

Deborah (*b* 1701; *m* 1715, James Hulse (1694-1803), 1st magistrate, Richmond, Mass.;

Mary (*b* 1749), *m* Levi **Austin** (5 above).

Dennis **Cornwall** (*d* 1706), of Prince William Co., Va.; *m* Mary–;

Peter (*d* 1776), prob. son of Dennis; of Fauquier Co., Va.; received land grant in Halifax Co., 1767; Am. Rev.; *m* Saranne Bolling;

William (1768-1845), of Fauquier Co.; *m* 1794, Mary Swann (1775-1843; Edward[8], *m* Mary Pascoam?);

Burwell Harrison (1819-69), of Louisville, Ky.; *m* 1841, Caroline Brokaw;

Sarah Hay (2 below).

Capt. Adrien (Pos) **Post** (parents believed to have been on L.I.), settled in Bergen Co., N.J.;

Wilhelmus (bap. 1652-ca. 1724), wrote name Post; removed to Brooklyn, 1687, thence to Bedford, L.I.; *m* 1679, Aeltje (Aletta) Teunis Von Covert (Teunis Von Coverden[10], *m* Barbara Lucas);

William (bap. 1680-*d* 1724), removed to Millstone, Somerset Co., N.J., 1706; bought 2,300 acres on Peace Brook, Hillsboro Tp.; *m* ca. 1704, Maretje Van Kleef, or Van Cleave;

Johannes (bap. 1707), of Somerville, N.J.; commr. of issues, N.Y. brig., 1776-83; *m* ante 1736, Altje Blaau (*b* 1714; Abraham[8], of L.I.);

Hendrick (*b* 1749), *m* 1st, 1769, Margaret Cock (1749-1805);

Aeltje, Aletta, or Letty (*b* 1773), *m* 1794, Bourgan **Brokaw**; *m* 2d, David Freeman;

Henry Post (bap. 1798), Somerville; removed to Vincennes, Ind.; *m* 1822, Sarah Ruble;

Caroline Striker (1823-24-1898), *m* Burwell H. **Cornwall** (3 above);

Sarah Hay (1842 or 43-1921), *m* 1863, Alanson Gates **Austin** (1836-1917), adj. with rank of capt., 21st Ill. Regt. under Col. U. S. Grant; wounded 5 times in Battle of Chickamauga; chosen as mem. of "Corps of Honor."

Phillip Miller, of Kinston, N.C.; issue: 1–Austin, grad. law sch., U. of Va.; post-grad. Columbia; city atty., Jacksonville, Fla.; *m* Olive, dau. of Oliver Weston; 2–Mercedes, *b* Terre Haute, Ind.; grad. Semple's Finishing Sch., New York; *m* Hubert G., son of B. F. Powell.

Ed. Wesleyan Female Coll., Macon, Ga. Portrait painter, sculptress, author. Mem. S.M.D., H.S.S.C., D.A.R., Fine Arts Soc. of Fla., etc. Residence: 552 E. Main St. N., Gainesville, Fla.

MILLER, Spencer, Jr., *b* Worcester, Mass July 2, 1891.

John **Hammond** (will proved at Lambeth, June 5, 1551), of Lavenham, Co. Suffolk, Eng.; *m* Agnes–;

William, of Melford, Eng.; *m* Mary–;

Thomas (bap. Eng., 1603-*d* 1675; twin bro. of John Hammond, qv); came from Eng. to Hingham, Mass., 1636; received land grant, 1636; mem. grand jury, 1637; removed to Cambridge Village (now Newton), and settled nr. what is now Hammond's Pond, ca. 1650; *m* 1623, Elizabeth Cason (*b* ante 1604; dau. of Robert, *m* Prudence Hammond; g.dau. of Robert, of Gt. Whelnetham, Eng.);

Nathaniel (bap. 1643-1691), of Newton, Mass.; *m* ca. 1670, Mary Griffin;

Lt. Thomas (1686-1753), of Newton, *m* 1714, Sarah Griffin;

Elizabeth (1719-1801), *m* 1742/43, Dea. Samuel **Miller** (1718-83), of Worcester (Samuel[7]; Joseph[6]; Thomas[5]; John[10]; John[11], of Bishops Stortford, Co. Herts., Eng.);

Moses (1745-1834), *m* 1772, Sarah Gray (1743-1827; Robert[4]; John[7]);

Rev. Moses (1776-1855), of Heath, Mass.; *m* 1806, Bethia Ware (1780-1848; Dr. Samuel[5], *m* Bethia Avery);

Samuel Fisher (1822-70), grad. Amherst, '48; *m* Charlotte Howe;

Spencer (2 below).

Thomas **Gilbert** (*d* 1666), from Eng., 1635, settled at Springfield, Mass.; *m* 1655, Catherine (Chapin) Bliss (*d* 1712; Samuel Chapin[11], a founder of Springfield);

Dea. Henry (1661-1740), built a fort at Brook-

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Dear Librarian,

I'm seeking information on the CORNWELL family.

Is there someone from your society available to check courthouse record indexes (death and marriage) for the CORNWELL surname?

What is their name, address and fee?

I'd appreciate any information you might have on the CORNWELL family.

Sincerely

RON CORNWELL
1900 STANFORD
EDWARDSVILLE
ILLINOIS 62025

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

To: Ron Cornwell Date: December 1, 1984

From: Nancy Sherrill, Genealogy Librarian

The Vigo County Historical Society forwarded your letter of Nov. 10 to the public library.

I am enclosing a research report listing the sources we checked for your Cornwells. If you would like copies of any of the items listed, our charge is 10¢ per page, plus postage. Our address is: One Library Square, Terre Haute IN 47807.

I am also sending a list of researchers. These people are not connected with the library.

There is a genealogical query column in the local newspaper. The address is: Genealogy, Dorothy Clark, Terre Haute Tribune-Star, 721 Wabash Ave., Terre Haute IN 47808.

THE VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
One Library Square, Terre Haute IN 47807 Date of Reply: 12-1-84

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RESEARCH REPORT

The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched for the surnames of Cornwell
in response to your request of 11-10-84.

(1.) Miscellaneous Card File:
Did not find _____ ✓ Found _____

(2.) Surname File:
Did not find _____ Found ✓ 3pg biography of Burwell Harrison Cornwell, TH resident 1819-1869, parents Wm Cornwell (VA) + Mary Swan (MD)
Transcript 1850 Census Linton Twp, Vigo Co. Lewis Cornwell, wife Rachel + Minerva
(3.) Correspondence seeking info on Wm + Mary Cornwell
Vigo County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms (in the county histories)
Did not find _____ Found Annie - Bradsby p 715; B.H - Beckwith 207+8, 215, Bradsby - 302, 306-8, 573, 714, 714, Esarey - p 41, Clark p 465; Burwell H - Clark p 412 Burwell N. - Oakey p 121; Caroline - Bradsby p 241; Caroline S - Beckwith p 208 + Bradsby p 715; Carrie - Clark p 465; Harry - Oakey p 346; Mary - Brdsby 715, Mary S. - Beckwith 207

(4.) Vigo County, Indiana, Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850:
Did not find _____ Found Lewis Cornwell + Rachel J. Budd 23 June 1844
Mary Cornwell + John Hoopingarner 21 July 1835
Lavina Cornwell + Aron P. Lucas 23 April 1848

(5.) W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920:
Did not find _____ Found Many Cornwells - Albert, Anna, Cora, Daisy Florinda, Jacob, Lavina, Lena, Lewis, Lizzie, Mary C., Minerva, Nancy, Sallie, Veatres, William M.

(6.) W.P.A. Index to Death Record, Vigo County, 1882-1920:
Did not find _____ Found Caroline d. 2 Nov 1898 age 75
Claude A. d. 23 Oct 1918 age 6 + Cora d. 13 July 1899 age 20 days

(7.) Cemetery Records of Vigo County, Including All Born Prior to 1830 That Lived to Maturity:
Did not find _____ Found Lewis Cornwell 15 Oct 1820 - 31 Oct 1875 + Rachel 8 Jan 1828 - Feb 1868 - Hull Cem; B.H. Cornwell d. 20 Sept 1869 age 50 + Carrie 24 Aug 1823 - 2 Nov 1898 - Woodlawn Cem; Nancy Cornwell d. 9 July 1861 age 73y 2m 10d. - Second Prairie Creek Cem.

(8.) Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana (4 vols.):
Did not find _____ Found vol. 3 pp 85+86 - Agnes, Clara, Eugene, Joseph Sr., Lewis, Mary E., Nancy Ann, Orpha B. - Hull Cemetery

(9.) Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County IN, Index of Burials
Vol. 1 1839-1899 vol. 2 1900-March 1983:
Did not find _____ Found Vol 1 p 46 - B.H. + Caroline
Vol 2 p 36 - Jane, Jennie + Samuel Ora

10. Census Index for the year _____:
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OTHER: See opposite side

Mark Johnson has further information on this branch of Cornwell family including photographs.

For further information, contact 6/27/83
Mark R. Johnson, 802 Mary Lane
Terre Haute, IN 47803 ph. #812-299-2569

1850 CENSUS FOR UNITED STATES

State: Ind. County: Vigo Town Township: LINTON Page 550 277

Family Number	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Birthplace	Married within year	School within year	Cannot read or write	Remarks
	Lewis Cornwell	29	M	W	Farmer		KENTUCKY				
	Rachel I "	21	F	W			"				
	Minerva "	2	F	W			INDIANA				

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